Dear Johann, 10/11/83

No doubt computers are worthwhile. I've a reporter friend who once retrieved some of his notes for me that way, so fast I was astounded. And then gave me a printout. But it would take the rest of my life, if I did nothing else.

I don't recall what you said about air conditioners, but it didn't offend.

FYI on whickens: the shells are hard but moist when laid. But you are correct on their communicating.

Aside from the reasons I've given for not lending you the martin film I've had to adopt an inflexible policy of not letting only copies out of my hands. I've lost too much, and to friends. And I can't possible make records of all loanings. As you know, I've tried and tried with Groden, without response.

Reur Oswald footage, did I tell you that both Ed Planer and Jessie Core told me that it was not the same when returned from Panamerican films by the FBI? I don't know when you made your print, but they had 11/22/63 in mind, when they looked at it on the Moviola, and then days later when they'd loaned it out and got it back.

The file copy in Garrison's day is identical with the print you had copied for him through Bill Turner.

If you ever transcribe the soundtrack of your special or if you have an extra script when you air it I'd be interested in seeing it.

Reur 10/5, I was not aware that NBC did a special but I'd heard that they were doing a segment for First Camera.

What I take to be your 8/13/63 Bringuier interview, or part of it, is included in the single film remaining at WDSU when I saw it. Probably edited down. As I recall, at the courthouse. The two friends of his were the others in the Oswald fracas.

There is to be a new book that will interest you and probably shares your views on Oswald. By Jean Davis, Vermont, publisher Norton, supposedly with a big campaign. Galleys for review are out but I've not seen any.

I also have trouble believing that Shaw had anything to do with Ferrie. But I also have trouble with Shaw's alibi re Clinton: that he could not leave N.O. and didn't because he was in charge of renting space in the new bldg. He wasn't, as you might have known at the time from your then friends. Of course I can also understand that an innocent man, without an alibi, might make one up or go with one his lawyers' invented, but Shaw did not do the renting. I've interviewed those who did - by following leads in FBI records which have nothing to do with Shaw.

But as I may have told you, I had little interest in and spent no time at all on Shaw. I was interested in Oswald.

Bringuier's alibi about Oswald is also untrue. They did not first meet either 8/2 or 8/5/63, and he gave both dates. It was in May, that is, the first time. And I believe it was Oswald who tipped the city off that Bringuier was selling bonds w/o a license.

Good luck with your special.